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Remarks

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The examiner has rejected claims 1-25. Claims 27 and 28 have been allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the additional limitations of allowed dependant claim 28. In conjunction therewith, claim 28 has been cancelled.

Claims 2-5, 7-14, and 18-23 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 27.

Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of allowed claim 27 and to remove the limitation of a substantially flat first shield (which is not a limitation of allowed claim 27).

Claim 25 depends from amended claim 24.

New Claim

New claim 29 re-adds the limitation of a substantially flat first shield to claim 24.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and submits that the application is in condition for allowance. That action is earnestly solicited. If a telephone call is required to expedite this matter, please contact the undersigned.

No fee is believed due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 502,209.

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